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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 80, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. DATES, HENDY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, F.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 163 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & CO., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZELN & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MACAO, MESSRS A. A. DE MELLO & CO. SWATOW, CAMPBELL & CO. AMOY, WILSON, NICHOLS & CO. FOCHOW, HEDGE & CO. SHANGHAI, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000 Dollars.
Reserve Fund, \$1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—The Hon. W. KESWICK.
Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.
ADOLF ANDRE, Esq. H. DE C. FORBES, Esq.
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq.
U. L. DALEMPLE, Esq. F. D. SAMPSON, Esq.
W. S. YOUNG, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EWE CAMERON, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1880.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

(Incorporated 7th & 16th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000.
RESERVE FUND, £200,000.

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue de la Harpe, PARIS.

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES at:

London, BOMBAY, SAN FRANCISCO, MANHATTAN, HONGKONG, LYONS, CALCUTTA, SHANGHAI, NANTES, SINGAPORE, FOCHOW, MANGHAI.

LONDON BANKERS:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE UNION BANK OF LONDON.

The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business.

E. G. VOULLEMONT, Manager, Shanghai.

Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £100,000.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

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WILLIAM FORREST, Manager.

Hongkong, May 10, 1880.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Paid-up Capital, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT, Acting Manager.

Orion Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

MR. ERNST LUDWIG REUTER has been authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, October 18, 1880. no18

MR. THOMAS GIBB WILLIAMSON has been authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong from this date.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1880. no1

WE have authorized Mr. JOHN PATRICK LALOR to sign the Name of our Firm.

MARGESSON & Co.
Macao, 5th October, 1880. no5

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents of the ELIOTT'S METAL COMPANY, Birmingham, for Hongkong and China.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Hongkong, Sept. 13, 1880. del3

FOR SALE.

First Quality.
Second Quality.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, October 22, 1880. de22

FOR SALE.

MUNTZ PATENT YELLOW METAL SHEATHING, all Sizes;
AND COMPOSITION NAILS, in Lots to Suit Purchasers.

G. K. LAMBERT, Fisher's Wharf Buildings.
Hongkong, July 28, 1880.

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MULLER FRERES' CELEBRATED OLD BRANDY, in Cases of 1 dozen Qtz.

Apply to HESSE & Co., Sole Agents.
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Ho kong, July 31, 1880. 31ja81

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from T. E. DAVIS, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his residence No. 6, Mosque Terrace, on

SATURDAY, the 30th October, 1880, at 2 p.m.—The whole of the

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

Rep-covered Solid Drawing Suite, Blackwood Centre and Side Tables, Card Table, Kerosine Lamps, Chromo-Lithographs and Oleographs, Carpet, &c., &c. Dining Table, Sideboard, Chairs, Whatnot, Glass and Plated Ware, Dinner and Dessert Sets, &c., &c. Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Table, Washstand, Toilet Sets, Bath-tub, &c., &c.

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EOA DA SILVA & Co., Auctioneers.
Hongkong, Oct. 25, 1880. oc30

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First Floor and Ground Floor of House No. 4, Praya East (known as the BLUE HOUSE). Possession on the 1st of October.

Also, The HOUSE opposite the WANCHI FIRE, Marine Lot No. 20, containing 8 Rooms, &c., &c., with Gas and Water laid on; Immediate possession.

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Hongkong, September 2, 1880.

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HAVE FOR SALE,

Ex "GLAMIS CASTLE" AND "GLENCAHLES."

CARTRIDGE CASES.

CARTRIDGE MACHINES.

CARTRIDGE BELTS.

CARTRIDGE EXTRACTORS.

THICK AND THIN WADS.

SHOT—All Sizes.

POWDER—(Picou & Wilks).

DRAM FLASCS.

CHRISTMAS CARDS,

LAST MAIL FOR HOME POSTAGE 17th PROXIMO.

Hongkong, October 21, 1880. no1

KELLY & WALSH

HAVE just received Ex "FRENCH MAIL," their NEW STOCK of CHRISTMAS CARDS, comprising:—

Memorandum Tablets for 1880.
Firmings' "Indian Gardening."
Knox's "Manual of Anatomy."
Johnson's "Hall Map of World," on roller.
Uryghart's "Electro Plating," 2 vols.
"New Judy Annual," 40.
Jeffries' "Round about a Great Estate," 2 vols.
Mark Twain's "Tramps Abroad," 2 vols.
"New Health Primer," "Brain Work," "The Heart," each, 40.
Prestor's "Star Atlas," 1.75.
"Nag Dictionary," 2.25.
"Yonani on the Horse," 3.00.
Savkey's "Hymns with Music," 40.
Hoskier's "Telegraph Cables," 1.50.
Levi's "History of British Commerce," 6.50.

Hongkong, October 11, 1880.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (under Power contained in Bill of Sale and Under Distraint for Rent), on

THURSDAY, the 11th November, at Noon, THE STOCK-IN-TRADE, FURNITURE, &c., of the

"HOTEL de L'UNIVERS," comprising:—

Drawing Room—Parisian-made Drawing-room Suite in Yellow and Crimson Rep, Mirrors, Clocks, Centre and Side Tables, Chromo-Lithographs, Piano, Carpet, Gasaliers, Curtains, &c., &c.

Dining Room—Carved Oak Sideboard, Whatnots, Dining Tables, Plated Ware, Glass and Crockery, Chairs, Rep-covered Couches, Clocks, Mirrors, Fenders and Fire Irons, &c., &c.

Bed Rooms—Bedroom Suites in Yellow and Crimson Rep, Iron Bedsteads with Hair and Spring Mattresses, Mahogany Wardrobes with Mirror Fronts, Dressing Tables, Chamber Stands, Bed Linens, Blankets, Carpets and Rugs.

Hall—Carved Oak Hatstand, Clocks, Marble-top Tables, Morocco-covered Settees.

Billiard Room—One English Billiard Table, by Burroughes & Watts; 2 American Tables, by Phelan & Collender; Billiard Balls, Cues, Marking Boards, Billiard Lamps, Gasaliers, Solid Bronze Statuette Clock and Candelabrum to Match, Chromo-Lithographs, Marble-top Side Tables, Marble-top Bar, Morocco-covered Settees, &c., &c.

Stores—Sherry, Port, Claret, Beer, &c., &c.

A Large Cooking Range, Copper Cooking Utensils, Jelly Moulds, &c., &c. Catalogues will be issued. Terms of Sale—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, Oct. 18, 1880. no11

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TWO HOUSES, Nos. 14 and 16, Stanley Street, lately in the occupation of the TEMPERANCE HALL.

The DWELLING HOUSES—Nos. 31 and 33, WELLINGTON STREET.

OFFICES in CLUB CHAMBERS, now in the occupation of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., with Strong Room attached; also other OFFICES and CHAMBERS in the same Building.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

TO LET.

ON MARINE LOT No. 55, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS.

Apply to MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

Intimations.

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Assignee. On a hearing the rule was made absolute for the time being as prayed for. Application was then made by plaintiff's Solicitors for costs, and I reserved the question for consideration. The Court is always reluctant to give costs against any official assignee who has erred through too much zeal and who has been somewhat misled by circumstances. It must be observed that the present official assignee inherited this bankruptcy from its predecessor, and is not responsible for the whole conduct of the business. On the 22nd of December 1879, the plaintiff's Solicitors had applied to the Court for an order to direct the then Official Assignee (Hon. C. P. Plunket) to execute, under the powers conferred by the Bankruptcy Ordinance, to a person named Ho Ahim, an assignment of the same lot. This motion was brought on, I find, before Mr. Francis, then Acting Puis Judge, and was dismissed with costs. Then circumstances changed. Leong Choo-chi, who was the whole estate was vested, joined in an assignment to a bona fide purchaser Sir S. King, having before referred to assign it to his vendor Ho Ahim. Previous to the advertisement of the sale of the property there had been a meeting of creditors on July 1880, and Mr. Holmes, who appeared for some clients who had obtained execution against the bankrupts and registered prohibitory orders against certain portions of this estate, suggested that the property attached should be forthwith sold, and the proceeds retained and divided. The property was advertised for sale. The injunction was applied for and these costs were paid. No doubt the Official Assignee thought that the matter was res judicata, and that it was his duty to resist the motion for an injunction in the hands of the creditors. But the circumstances had altered. The Official Assignee can always protect himself by obtaining the consent of the Court to commence, prosecute or defend any proceeding; or he may come to the Court and obtain sanction. The Court has the power to set aside the Bankruptcy Law of 1861, says may be the subject of an application to the Commissioner in Chambers and to the Judge here. Had the Official Assignee applied to the Court the title of Mr. Brereton's client would have been examined and it was found that it could not be resisted the opposition to it could have been withdrawn and no expense would have been incurred. By section 66, the Official Assignee is protected from personal liability by the petitioning creditor's debt or to be insufficient. This is the only protection I can find through the Official Assignee by the Bankruptcy Law. On the other hand find (Griffith & Holmes, v. 653), that the assignee is liable for the debt under an interlocutory. The proceedings were, in which I am asked to give costs against the Official Assignee, were undertaken with the consent, and I may say at the instigation of a meeting of the creditors and an application has now been made to the Court to set aside the order made out of the hands which may come to him.

The Registrar, judgment having been given against him for the costs in this case, said he supposed the same rule would apply in all cases. He thought Mr. Brereton had better take out a decree against him, and then bring his bankruptcy in the Nurey Kawajee case had, by the order of the Chief Justice, been made defendant in a suit for \$35,000. The result of this action was that he would do nothing after this, absolutely.

THE REGISTRAR AND THE CHIEF JUSTICE. The Puisne Judge said he would take the case into consideration, and would be down for hearing to-day.

The Registrar did not wish to be understood as offering any factious opposition to his Honour's ruling, but he protested against such a case as Nurey Kawajee being taken in for consideration, a matter of courtesy he would attend his Honour wherever he wished to sit, but as a matter of duty he did not.

The Puisne Judge said he would take these matters in Chambers. The Registrar asked if his Honour meant to-day that he intended to take these matters in Chambers, while he knew nothing whatever of the case, while he was without materials at all to judge whether they should be taken in Chambers or not.

The Judge said he would take all cases on the paper in Chambers; if he found reason to adjourn any of them into Court he would do so.

The Registrar, with respect, entirely differed from his Honour. The case ought to be taken in Court, and adjourned to Chambers if reason could be shown.

His Honour said it was not respectful to the Court in him to express his dissent in this manner. He had already said he was to hear these cases in Chambers, and he would do so.

The Registrar: Without knowing anything about the facts?

The Judge: Yes.

The Registrar: I must decline to attend your Lordship in Chambers. If you direct me in open Court to go into Chambers on any case after there has been heard and the Court some reason for taking the case in Chambers I will go, not otherwise.

After some desultory conversation had taken place, Mr. Gibbons, who had left the Court and returned at the call of the Puisne Judge, said in a rather angry tone that there was no reason to guide him in the matter in which the Court was now engaged. God knew he had searched high and low for them. God knew he had intended to do what was right all throughout. He ascribed a good position at home to him; he had been open up to him, wife and children and all that was sacred to a man to come here to be tried like this, to be treated as he had been by the Chief Justice. He asked the Court to pardon him if he spoke excitedly, but he was himself could, in his position.

He said that he was in the face now through the machinations of a man he dare not express his feelings about.

The Judge interrupted, in that gentlemanly or fatherly way which marks all his utterances and action, and said, and to soothe the late Registrar.—You must not speak like that, Mr. Gibbons. You must say things like that.

The Registrar went on to say that six weeks ago he had asked the Governor for enquiry into the matter. He could prove everything false and above-board. He did not know what to do. He would be willing to go into Chambers if the Honorable were present.

Mr. Justice Snowdon and the Registrar, shortly after the above proceedings, retired to Chambers, and the Registrar applied through the Judge's Clerk for permission

to be present. This was politely refused, the Judge sending by the same messenger as brought the refusal an intimation that he would be glad to see the reporters afterwards, and give his reasons for this refusal. When the reporters were sent for, Mr. Snowdon made a long statement as to the inherent and unbounded rights of the Judge to hear any or all cases in private, as he reported the position of his formal statement of the other day, and repeated over and over again the remark that he had no feeling or desire one way or the other; he was always delighted to see the Press present, and would readily throw open the doors any and every case in which the parties in the case were agreeable. He laid great stress on the idea that the main portion of the business taken in Chambers was business which even the reporters themselves would not care to publish. In cases where a Jury was to be empanelled or where the case was to be brought before the Court involved the interests of business men, he pointed out how extremely inadvisable it would be to have the case said publicly before the public, how much more in accord with justice it was to have the whole case reported only when the case came on for hearing. He admitted in a decided right of the press to be present at any hearing in Chambers, but said as matter of fact if the press of being present was asked for as a favour he would always be pleased to grant it, neither of the parties in the case objecting. To-day there were some cases he would take in public, some he would take in private; others he would advise with the Registrar.

THE NUREY KAWAJEE CASE. In the afternoon, the Nurey Kawajee's case came on, when Mr. Gibbons read a long report of what he had done, and the complications that have arisen between the Bombay business and that here.

Mr. Brereton appeared for Mr. Turner, Official Assignee, Bombay; Mr. Johnson appeared for the National Bank of India. The question now before the Court was with regard to certain shares in the North China Insurance Company, belonging to the Estate, and how they should be best disposed of for the benefit of the estate. A long conversation ensued, which was of little interest to the public. The matter finally was disposed of by Mr. Brereton undertaking on behalf of his clients not to proceed against the Registrar.

MRS. SELLER'S ESTATE. The matter of Mrs. Sellar's estate was mentioned by the Registrar. This woman was without doubt entitled to a rate property. She was drawing \$180 a month, and her husband drew \$30 a month. This arrangement had been put a stop to, and the poor woman was without funds. She was outside there in poverty and had been there day after day for the same purpose. He simply asked for something being done with her affairs out of mere charity.

The Judge said the Chief Justice had dealt with this case; he must consult him. Mr. Snowdon said that at this point, he informed the Court that this case had been before the Chief Justice in Chambers to-day, when Mr. Francis, instructed by Mr. Holmes, appeared for Mrs. Sellar. Position was made by the official trustee, on which no order was made.

The Registrar said the poor woman was a Calcutta woman. She had the misfortune of being a British subject. Had she been a Portuguese subject, the matter would have been taken up.

The Judge said the case was one the Chief Justice had been dealing with, and he could not interfere.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

(Before the Full Court.)

Tuesday, Oct. 26.

LEUNG NGAN, APPELLANT, v. REGINA. This was a case in which an appeal was taken to the Court from a decision of the Magistrate, who had sentenced the appellant to three months imprisonment in Victoria Gaol, and it was ordered that the appellant be released on bail.

Mr. Justice Snowdon delivered the following judgment, in which his Lordship said that the appellant was not a person of good character, and that he was a habitual offender.

The appellant was convicted of having committed an offence under Sub-Section 14, to three months imprisonment in Victoria Gaol, and it was ordered that the appellant be released on bail.

The case sets out the facts upon which the Magistrate sentenced, and the Ord. 4 of 1880, for the decision of the Supreme Court, to decide the validity of an information, (I presume, although it is not before the Court) which charged the defendant with an offence under Sub-Section 14 of Sect. 38 of Ord. 8 of 1879, the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance.

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Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. M. S. Tennochy.)

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PUBLIC GAMBLING.

Ip Aik, 28, of Simon, a broker, was charged by Inspector B. S. Tennochy, with being the keeper of a public gambling house, at No. 34, Upper Macao Row.

Chu Achin, a coolie, gave evidence to the effect that he had been invited by the defendant to go into the house to play Pau Pau, and that on one occasion he had gone up and found seven or eight men gambling.

The case was remanded until Thursday, the 28th inst., bail being required in two sureties of \$100 each.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Chan Ah-chung, 24, a hawker, was charged with being in unlawful possession of three pairs of black cotton trousers, a jacket and knife, together worth about \$1. Defendant was stopped by P.C. Bond when carrying a bundle containing these articles of clothing, and was also at the time wearing a woman's waistcoat. Defendant said that the clothes were his mother's, and that his father had given them to him to pawn, to enable him to raise money to go home.

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NURSES.

Wong Apak, 27, coolie, was fined one dollar, in default of imprisonment, for three days with hard labour, for throwing rubbish on the ground behind the Tung Wah Hospital.

Some eight or nine persons also appeared on summonses issued by the Inspectors of Nuisances for similar offences, and were fined in sums varying from 50 cents to \$2.

STRAGGLERS.

James Pido, 26, and William Davis, 23, two seamen belonging to the American ship *Great Admiral*, were ordered to be put on board their ship by the police.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Wong Ahn, 46, a carpenter employed in the Hing Hing Dock, was convicted of being in unlawful possession of about 1 lb of copper wire the property of the D.C. Company, on the 25th inst., and was fined \$10, in default to be imprisoned with hard labour for three weeks.

BREACH OF COMMON ORDINANCE.

Ching Ahn, 51, a Chinese, was charged with being in possession of prepared opium without a valid certificate, and also with selling prepared opium without a permit from the Opium Farmer, on the 23rd inst., and was fined ten dollars, in default to be imprisoned with hard labour for three weeks.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.

Ho Ahim, 25, unemployed, was found, together with about fifteen others, not identified, playing Fan-tan in Pund Lane at about 7.30 this morning, and was sentenced to about a month's imprisonment with hard labour as a rogue and vagabond. The cash found to go to the Poor box.

PETTY LARCENY.

Pang Ahim, 16, a boatman, was found, in default to be imprisoned fourteen days with hard labour, for stealing a piece of iron worth about thirty cents, on the 26th inst.

Chan Ahing, 31, bricklayer, was convicted of stealing two pieces of wood worth about 15 cents on the 25th inst., and a previous conviction having been proved against him, the prisoner was sentenced to be imprisoned for one month with hard labour.

Tong Ahing, 24, coolie, was charged with stealing a cat, stated by complainant to be worth \$2, from the Hung Wo Tong, drug shop, in the Queen's Road. The cat was just outside the shop, and the prisoner appeared to have picked it up and made off with it, but was seen by an assistant in the shop, pursued and given in charge.

Defendant said that he was walking in the street, when the man who had taken the cat came and threw it down in the street near him.

Prisoner was sent to goal for fourteen days, thirteen of them to be in solitary confinement, and the remainder with hard labour.

(Before the Hon. Ng Choy.)

PUBLIC GAMBLING. Lui Shan Fong, 36, unemployed, who was charged yesterday with gambling at No. 1 Hillier Street, on the 25th inst., and whose case was adjourned till Wednesday, the 27th inst., was sentenced in Court to-day. Mr. Denney appeared for his defence.

Inspector Lindsay said he entered the house on a warrant on the 23rd inst., and there found the prisoner who was pointed out to him by two informers who accompanied him. A number of the police, some in pencil, some in uniform, and a counting-board, were also found in the room. The informers had general instructions about gambling houses, and found out this house before the Inspector visited it.

The Acting, and Chong Ahing, the two informers, proved having visited the house No. 1 Hillier Street, on different occasions and bought tickets from the defendant.

Mr. Denney addressed the Court on behalf of the prisoners.

Defendant was convicted of keeping an agency for dealing in Pok Pok Poo lottery tickets, and a previous conviction having been proved by Inspector Lindsay, the prisoner was fined \$100, or in default to be imprisoned for four months with hard labour.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchange.) The Customs authorities have again announced the sale by auction of the American barque *Maenit*, for the 25th inst.

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The *Moderate*, fortunately, the watertank of the *Moderate* was alongside of her, and acted as a fender, else the results of the mishap might have been more serious to both vessels. As it was they both sustained no damage.

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(Course.) As a sign of the engineer's enterprise of Shanghai, we may mention that Messrs. Marshall, Marsh, and Co., of Hongkong, have lately undertaken a contract to supply machinery and requisites for the working of the coal mines of a native company at Tientsin, a distance of about 100 miles from Tientsin, and about 40 miles from the latter city. The contract is nearly completed, and the machinery will be shipped to Tientsin shortly, whence it will be conveyed in Tientsin carts to its destination. The machinery consists of a 12 H.P. portable engine, capable of working up to a high pressure; a pit-head frame, shaft running gear, drums, and buckets. The first use the company will make of its newly-acquired property will be to haul the coal mine, as at present it is hauled by hand. Pumping gear will not be used, but two large buckets or cradles instead fitted with trip doors at the bottom. These cradles will afterwards be employed to raise the coal.

As they descend into the water, the trap doors, which are about 6 inches square, are made of iron with rubber joints, and open and admit the water, and while drawn up full the pressure of the water within the cradles will keep the doors down. The engine and the rest of the machinery having been tried and found to work satisfactorily, will now be taken to pieces ready for shipment.

According to the *Shen Pao*, the harvest prospect of the neighbourhood of Soochow, which up to the end of this summer promised to be pretty favourable, has been much injured by the bad weather that prevailed there recently. Some few days ago, the farmers of that district, who were afraid lest the authorities would not make any allowance for the badness of the year in collecting the grain tax, went in a body with bundles of the injured and dried stalks of corn on their shoulders to the yamens of the district magistrates, who have accordingly sent out persons to investigate the real state of the crops.

We learn from Tientsin that there has been a slight relaxation of the restrictions that services became from demand, and they might have been a good business if they had been fairly recompensed, that condition being wanting, they, too, are found wanting by the commissariat of all the forces

